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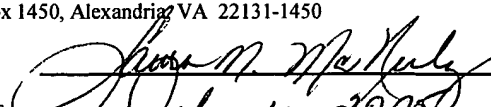
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action in this application mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 20 April 2005. This response is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period set in the Office Action. A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently with this response. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fee associated with this response or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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